

### R E M A R K S

Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

### OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION

The objection to the specification has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

### DRAWINGS

The objection to the drawings has been obviated by the attached substitute drawing.

### CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The rejection of claims 1, 2 and 8-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over the background section in view of Kindinger '884 has been obviated by appropriate amendment and should be withdrawn.

The allowable matter of claim 4 has been incorporated into claim 1. Matter similar to the allowable matter of claim 4 has also been incorporated into claim 13, which is now believed to be allowable.

As such, the presently claimed invention is fully patentable over the cited references and the rejection should be withdrawn.

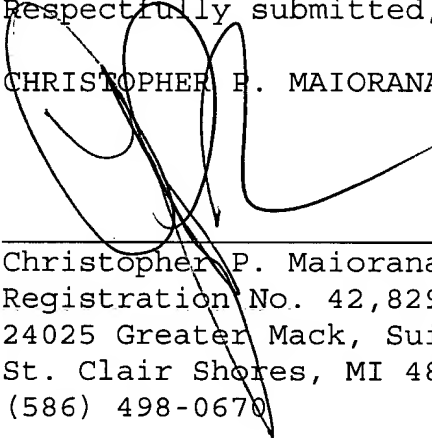
Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

If any additional fees are due, please charge our office Account No. 50-0541.

Respectfully submitted,

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